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Honorable Steven C. Panagiotakos, Chairman
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
State House Room 212
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Dear Chairman Panagiotakos:

Line item 8100-0000 of Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2009, the FY'10 Appropriations Act, requires the Department of State Police to provide to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means a report on paid details. In relevant part the appropriation language states, "...there shall be a study submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than January 30, 2009, on traffic details worked by the department of state police, including troops A, B, C, D, E, F, and H, over the last 5 years,...." The attached reports provide by fiscal year, Troop location and pay-period, the aggregate number of state police detail hours worked and the aggregate amount billed for such hours. In addition to the statistical data, I have attached a reference map of the Commonwealth that shows by Troop, each city and town.

In FY 10 alone the Massachusetts State Police issued over 16,000 invoices for state police details. In many instances however, invoices reflect multiple troopers assigned to a particular event.

As discussed in years past, the Agency's present day detail data collection system does not capture the actual location of the detail worked but rather the location that the officer is to report. This data field is a free text field and in most cases the reporting location does not correspond to the location where the work was actually performed.

As resources allow, I plan to refine the data collection process so that additional location information may be available for analysis.

In the event I may be of additional assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-820-2350.

Sincerely,

Colonel Marian J. McGovern
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Cc: Secretary Mary Elizabeth Heffernan, EOPSS
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